

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the present application. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 6, 7, 13-15, 19-21, 27-31, 33-35, 41 and 42 herewith. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicants are submitting this supplemental amendment in response to a telephonic interview conducted with the Examiner on 2/23/05. In addition, several antecedent basis matters are addressed.

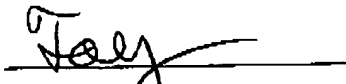
Applicants would also like to thank the Examiner for taking the time to conduct such telephonic interview.

Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the cited reference and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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